

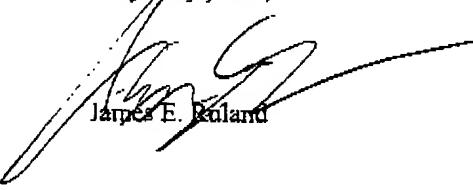
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Dear Examiner Ildebrando

Attached is a declaration along with a proposed amendment to claim 1 for discussion during tomorrow's interview per today's teleconference. In addition, I would like to discuss the status of claim 19 added by our reply filed August 5, 2002.

Very truly yours,



James E. Ruland

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**Proposed Reply for the Action Mailed 10/17/2002 for
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1. **(Thrice Amended)** A catalyst comprising at least one oxide matrix, at least one zeolite having a porous network and at least one hydro-dehydrogenating element located on the matrix and selected from the group consisting of elements of groups VIIB and VII, wherein the zeolite contains in said porous network at least one element of group VIIB and/or group VII, the catalyst also comprising at least one promoter element selected from the group consisting of boron, silicon, and phosphorus.

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